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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, as well as a copy of Japanese Office Action dated October 13, 2006, in connection with a counterpart application, are also attached.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. JP-A-10-207661, JP-A-10-187369, JP-A-10-161823, and JP-A-11-095955, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstracts.

Applicants note that Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. JP-A-11-203074, JP-A-2000-082043, and JP-A-9-219722, also cited in the mentioned Japanese Office Action, have been previously cited to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 20, 2006.

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